

9. Descriptions of two supposed new Species of South-American Birds. By A. BOUCARD, C.M.Z.S.

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(Plate XVII.)

1. *CHIROMACHÆRIS CORONATA*, n. sp. (Plate XVII.)

Head black encircled by yellow feathers forming a coronet; back, tail-, and wing-coverts silky black; wings and tail brownish black, paler internally; throat and breast black; abdomen and under tail-coverts grey with a whitish spot in the centre of each feather, but this can only be seen by separating the feathers; under wing-coverts white with yellow edges; bill on the upperside black, paler underneath; feet yellow.

Total length  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches, bill  $4\frac{1}{2}$  lines, wing 2 inches 3 lines, tail 1 inch.

*Hab.* Columbia. *Mus.* Boucard.

The present bird is the seventh of this interesting genus, and cannot be confounded with any of the other species. The single specimen, from which the figure is taken, is a fine male, and came in a large collection of birds sent from Bogota.

2. *LAMPORNIS VIOLICAUDA*, var. ?

Upper surface purplish black, lighter on the rump; tail-coverts and central tail-feathers black; lateral tail-feathers metallic purple, with the tip and external edge of each feather dark blue; chin and breast black, with a line of lustrous purplish black feathers commencing at the angle of the bill and passing down the sides of the neck; abdomen black in the centre, paler on the sides, with a line of white feathers on each side as in *L. violicauda*; under tail-coverts purplish black; bill and feet black.

Total length 4 inches 2 lines, bill 9 lines, wing 2 inches 6 lines, tail 1 inch 5 lines.

*Hab.* Brasilia. *Mus.* Boucard.

I have only one male specimen of this bird. It is closely allied to *L. violicauda*, from which it differs chiefly in its colour. Possibly it may be a melanism of that species.